

Children's Long-Term Waiver Expansion

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- The long-term support home and community based waivers cover children with physical, sensory and developmental disabilities, including children with autism spectrum disorders and children with severe emotional disturbance.
- Counties agreed to partner in delivering waiver services because it was part of a broader vision of providing long-term supports for all children with disabilities.
- Reducing funding for pilot counties and the small number of state-funded waiver slots violates this commitment with county agencies.



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- Families of children with severe disabilities are supportive of the initiative since it streamlines access, reduces administrative duplication and provides critical supports and services in a cost-effective manner.
- Funding for the Children's Long-Term Support Waiver expansion focuses on providing services to children with severe disabilities most in need.
- Reducing funding for children with severe disabilities while investing extensive funding for children with autism spectrum disorder favors one disability group over another.



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- In addition to the 93 state funded (GPR) waiver slots for children with other disabilities, there are currently 184 county-matched slots serving these children.
- Counties have created these slots since January 1, 2005.

